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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Yasuhiro Nishitani et al.

Serial No. 07/929,961

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For: PYRROLIDYLTHIOCARBAPENEM DERIVATIVE

Group Art Unit: 1202

Examiner: Nicholas S. Rizzo

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 1993.

The Examiner has required restriction between the following groups of claims:

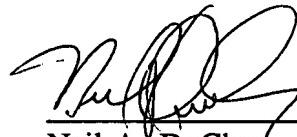
Group I (claims 1-11 and 18-22); Group II (claims 12 and 13); Group III (claims 14 and 15); and Group IV (claims 16 and 17). Applicants provisionally elect for prosecution in this application the claims in Group I (claims 1-11 and 18-22). Applicants nevertheless traverse this restriction requirement on the grounds that the Examiner has failed to demonstrate that

independent and distinct inventions have been claimed. Withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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